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“A History of Crystal Beach”

## **A HISTORY OF CRYSTAL BEACH – DECEMBER 1, 1992**

### **CRYSTAL BEACH COMMUNITY**

The Pinellas Peninsula was discovered April 15, 1528, by Panfilo de Varvaez, a Spanish conquistador. The name "Pinellas" is derived from the Spanish "punta pinal", meaning point of pines. Pinellas County is the second smallest in land area in Florida, containing 264 square miles. It has more than 150 miles of waterfront property. Pinellas has the highest coastal elevation in the State of Florida.

Before recorded history, the Pinellas Peninsula was populated by Indian mound builders. When the white man came, six of these mounds were in the St. Petersburg area, with others on Pinellas Point, Weedon's Island, John's Pass, Clearwater, Caladesi Island, Philippe Point and Tarpon Springs. Hundreds of skeletons have been dug from these mounds and many have been preserved at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

After the departure of Narvaez, 11 years passed before the arrival of Hernando DeSoto, in April, 1539. After DeSoto's departure the next to arrive was Pedro Memendez, in 1567. The first settlers did not arrive in this area for another 268 years, the Peninsula's first settler being Dr. Odet Philippe, a surgeon in the French Navy under Napoleon. He is believed to have settled at the site of Philippe Park on the east side of the Peninsula. In 1842 his "plantation" was the center of a community known as Philippeville. The plantation was destroyed by the big gale of 1848.

In 1850 there were but 35 families on the entire Pinellas Peninsula, and it was around this time that the first settlers came into the Crystal Beach area. Nearly 160 acres were homesteaded by R. L. Garrison in 1852. J. A. Henderson homesteaded 40 acres during Civil War days, followed by W. T. Mayo who owned 435 acres, including 131 acres in the Crystal Beach area and waterfront, which was purchased by him in 1872 on the steps of the courthouse in Tampa for 32¢ per acre.

Development commenced in the area in 1912 by two men from Texas, A. D. Powers and Dr. J. D. Hanby. This area was suggested to them by a Mr. Avery and a Mr. Rebstock. "Mr. Rebstock named the area Crystal Beach after a town near his home in Ontario, Canada.

Powers and Hanby laid out the streets in squares, leaving a parkway and road along the Gulf so that all residents could have access to the water. They commenced development of Live Oak Park complete with the fountain and pool. The fountain had water cascading down from a pedestal affair into a pool which was filled with goldfish. Years later it was abandoned when children put soap into the pool.

The community grew little from 1912 to 1924. The depression in 1929 dropped the price of land, which had previously sold at \$6,000 for waterfront lots and \$1,000 for inland lots, to as

low as \$50.

Many could not pay their taxes and had to move away. The Crystal Beach Company lost most of its holdings. Plans for many of the amenities did not materialize. It was not until the formation of the Crystal Beach Community Association that an agency was available to take care of matters, except for members of the community who might get together for special purposes, such as rebuilding the beach.

Crystal Beach Avenue was zoned for business, although only one store is known to have been located there - the "general store" which was located in the building west of the present post office. At that time the post office was in the store where both groceries and gasoline could be purchased. A cow was kept behind the store for the sale of milk. The closest out-of-town grocery stores were in Palm Harbor. Either Walker's or Adair's would deliver groceries. There was also an ice cream store in Palm Harbor.

The Blue Heron Hotel was a three-story building located where the Sunset Lodge now stands. It was later sold to Faith Mission, who used it for an orphanage. As many as 80 children were housed there. The building was eventually torn down due to termite infestation and the lodge built on the site.

Water was distributed by the Mountain Water Company, whose pump house was located on Ontario Avenue. However, most residents had their own wells, septic tanks, and "garbage holes".

A large pier was constructed which extended 300 feet out into the water and was complete with benches and a dining room at the end. Dances were held there on Saturday nights. When the pier was eventually torn down, the garage at the parsonage was built from the lumber. Located out in the water off the end of the pier was, and still is, a fresh-water spring. It has been estimated that this spring produces 50,000 gallons of water per hour, and no one has ever been able to cap it.



It is felt there is a connection between the spring and the Blue Sink in Hidden Lake. This spring can be seen quite clearly from the air.

People from St. Petersburg and Clearwater came to Crystal Beach by train to enjoy the park and beach. The original railroad depot was a large building built around 1886 and was located at the end of Avery Street. It was torn down and an open-sided building was later built. Passengers flagged down the train. Entrances were marked "colored" and "white".

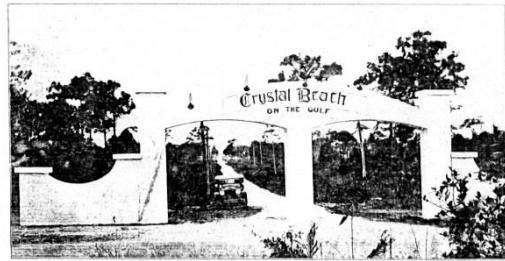
Alternate 19 was then called the Dixie Highway. It was a nine-foot road and cars could not pass each other- one had to pull off the road. It was widened in 1925. Under all the blacktop is the

original brick road. Most of the area which is now Crystal Beach was at that time planted in orange groves which groves were irrigated by a windmill. On Ulelah Avenue a sugarcane farm once flourished. Later bullfrogs were raised for the sale of frogs' legs.

It is believed that the first post office was located in what is now the parsonage. It was later relocated to the general store; then to the corner of Mayo and Pennsylvania Avenues, before its move to the present location. Lou Barnes was postmistress in 1946 and recalls that there were 28 mailboxes. Mail was thrown in sacks from the train, brought back and sorted and then picked up on her front porch. Doral Montgomery was post-mistress from 1947 to 1972.

The entrance gates originally had an arch across the curve on top and were lighted. In one pillar was a door, facing west, where the school children took shelter when it rained. The entrance was converted from a double arch with center pillar to its present configuration when a woman hit the arch with her automobile, dead center, removing the center pillar without a scratch to herself.

*Prosperity for All Who Enter Here*



*The City Gates on the Dixie Highway*

Crystal Beach Avenue was lined with palm trees and oleander plants from Dixie Highway to the beach and was quite colorful. The oleanders became infested with worms in 1935 and had to be removed.

Children first went to school from here to Wall Springs School, which is now the Schoolhouse Restaurant. This was followed by Ozona School, Palm Harbor, and then Tarpon Springs.

During World War II blackouts were strictly enforced in Crystal Beach. Volunteers "wardens" would walk the beach looking for any crack of light. Residents feared a submarine would come by and see the lights. A lookout was located in the old pine tree across from the church. Parts of the steps to the top can still be seen.

The first trash/garbage collection route was proposed in November, 1950, at a cost of 25¢ per week.

Crystal Beach Community Church was organized by Rev. Bredimeir in 1957, with an open building and only chairs for seating. The church started with 57 people.

In 1958 Mayo Street became the first street in the community to be paved. In 1959 and 1960, nine street lights were installed on Crystal Beach Avenue.

**CRYSTAL BEACH**  
**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The first meeting was held on December 6, 1941, in Live Oak Park, at 1:55 p.m. Thirty-six people were present. A speech was given by Walter Snyppe. Three classifications were proposed upon which the association could be formed: Taxpayers' Association, which would exclude the Mission, Property Owners Association, which would include the Mission, and general Community Association, which would be open to everyone willing to pay a membership fee. The Community Association was approved.

As an Association the group hoped to accomplish weed cutting, cleaning and upgrading of the park (which was said to contain a cesspool in the center), have a sign painted on the entrance, street signs, water supply, and removal of the cemetery. Reference to the removal of the cemetery occurs more than once in the minutes of the Association meetings. Research has indicated that it was located at the southeast corner of Vincent Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and was later moved. The pledge of the Association then was as it should be now, A UNITY OF SPIRIT - IF YOU CAN'T HELP, DON'T TEAR DOWN WHAT OTHERS ARE TRYING TO DO.

Shuffleboard Court Rules were a part of the first minutes. The group hoped to eventually be able to build shuffleboard courts in Live Oak Park. They also hoped to be able to open the waterfront and beaches to the public. They planned to ask the county for help. The shuffleboard courts were installed around 1945.

It is interesting to note that Article 11 of the original Bylaws provided that membership was restricted to "any and all white persons of good moral character who are residents of Crystal Beach". This article was later amended. A quorum consisted of 15 members.

A letter was sent out dated January 2, 1942, informing residents that the Crystal Beach Community Association had been formed, stating its objectives and asking for suggestions. Meetings were held in the park when weather permitted; otherwise they were held in Greeves' garage (presently the Parker home).

Some laborers were paid for their work at the waterfront in March, 1945, at 45¢ per hour.

It was first planned to build a clubhouse in front of the shuffleboard courts in Live Oak Park. The building size was to be 24'X24' and the cost was estimated to be \$575. In July, 1946, the Association received permission to build the clubhouse in Live Oak Park as long as they did not apply for a license to sell liquor. The purchase of an army barracks to be placed in the park and used as a clubhouse was approved at a cost of \$350 in November, 1946. It was later determined that none was available so this route was no longer considered. A building, 22'x30', was then proposed to be built in the park at a cost of \$379. In February, 1947, it was reported that Live Oak Park was public property and if a building were built there by the Association it would be required to be open to the public at all times.

At this point the lot upon which the Association Hall was eventually built was offered to the Association, which they purchased on February 18, 1947, from John E. and Grace C. Hardy, at a cost of 350.

The lot was cleared on November 16, 1947, and work was commenced on the hall on January 29, 1948, by Grady Hooton. The site for the building was laid out at 55 feet from the front street line and a minimum distance of 4 feet from the east lot line. This was decided by a group of members as the most serviceable arrangement. Several donations toward the building were received, among them:

Mr. Moody, 1 full row of blocks and 35 feet of 1-1/2" pipe

Mr. Ahr, 1 full row of blocks

Mr. Wakefield 1 length of 4"X4" sewer pipe

Mr. Cotton donated \$10 to the building fund

The block that were used to build the Association Hall came from Sutherland College in Palm Harbor which had burned and was being torn down. Mr. Montgomery, who still lives in Crystal Beach, donated the sand for the cement that was used in construction.

C. Ward and Clara May Thornton loaned the Association \$2,200, secured by a first mortgage, to build the building. A satisfaction of the mortgage to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton was recorded on January 19, 1951.

The first meeting of the Association held in the new Association Hall was May 1, 1948.

Meetings of the Association were held on Saturday evenings until January, 1950, at which time they were scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Two committees were in effect at that time: Flower Committee and Shuffleboard Committee. All persons who used the clubhouse had to sign in, and no children were permitted unless accompanied by an adult. The first covered dish dinner meeting was held in March, 1950, followed by the first program in April of poems and stories.

In February, 1951, a piano was donated to the Association by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sisson. The piano was destroyed by termites and a new one purchased by the Association in October, 1956.

Street signs were first discussed for the Community by the Association in May, 1951. Stop signs were requested from the county in May, 1955.

A public meeting of Crystal Beach residents was held in July, 1955, concerning beach and park improvements. The beach area was described as 20'X250'. Improvements were unanimously approved and donations collected. The fund collected more money than was required.

April, 1955, records indicate that 170 homes were occupied in Crystal Beach with a population of 303, 19 homes being unoccupied or under construction.

In January, 1956, the power bill for the hall was \$1.17, authorization was given to purchase paper napkins, and we acknowledged a donation of two brooms.

On January 10, 1967, the Association celebrated its 25th anniversary, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pierson. President at that time was William Deary, who is still an active member of the Association.

This year is very special to members of the Association. We are celebrating our Golden Anniversary and this brochure has been prepared in recognition of this celebration. We would like to give special recognition to those who, over the years, have served as President of the Crystal Beach Community Association. Many are no longer with us in body, but will always be a part of our history. Those serving over the years are as follows:

1941-42 - Joseph Church	1968-70 - Dr. Mildred Van Riper
1942-44 - F. C. Knight	1970-72 - John Huntley
1944-45 - Joe Gadder	1972-74 - Ed Naumann
1945-48 - R. H. Stoughton	1974-75 - Ed Marynowski
1948-49 - Bob Cotton	1975-76 - Ted Wertman
1949-51 - Jack Denyson	1976-76 - Ed Weissman
1951-53 - Huey Kirkwood	1977-79 - John Huntley
1953-55 - Ed Schaefer	1980-81 - Gail Von Hausen V
1955-57 - Ralph Oxton	1982-83 - Shirley Hamrick
1957-59 - Ed Schaefer	1984-86 - Robert Bruce
1959-60 - Harlow Kendig	1986-88 - Bob George
1960-61 - Lloyd Huron	1988-90 - Ann Neyrey
1961-63 - Henry Jacobs	1990-91 - Pat Wooldridge
1963-66 - David Trout	1991-93 - Buss Flinger
1966-68 - Bill Deary	

The following is an abstract which covers the land upon which the Community Association Hall is built. Generally speaking most of the land within Crystal Beach can be compared to this lot.

The area which encompasses Crystal Beach was originally a part of lands that came under "An Act to Enable the State of Arkansas and Other States to Reclaim The Swamp Lands within Their Limits". This Act was passed by Congress in September, 1850, and provided that all swamp and overflowed lands thereby made unfit for cultivation within our state which were unsold at the passage of the Act, upon request, became the property of the state. This included the entire Section 35 (which later became Pinellas County) where Crystal Beach is located, and contained, in this particular Section, 443,644 acres. The Governor of Florida, on March 20, 1856, requested transfer of this land to the State, which was accomplished by an instrument executed by President Franklin Pierce on August 9, 1856.



On November 25, 1868, the Trustees of the State of Florida sold 131.19 acres to Thomas B. Law, which acreage included the lot upon which the hall is built. This land was purchased at 50¢ per acre for a total price of \$65.60. Thomas B. Law died in 1872 at which time the property was sold on the steps of the courthouse in Tampa, on April 13, 1872, to Washington Mayo for 32¢ per acre, or a total of \$41.98. On May 14, 1883, W. T. Mayo sold a "Block of land 210 feet square fronting on Mayo Avenue in the contemplated town of Sea Side, Florida." The legal description places this block somewhere in the vicinity of the alleyway on the west side of Mayo Street between Maryland and Pennsylvania Avenues, running north 210 feet, east 210 feet, south 210 feet, and west 210 feet to the point of beginning. This covered the area that later became the lot upon which the building was built. This conveyance was to Mittie L. Rabb, who sold the property a month later to Susan M. Wall for \$200.00. It was transferred back to her a year later by Susan M. Wall and her husband, Charles F. Wall. Susan M. Wall was the daughter of Washington T. Mayo.

Mittie L. (Rabb) Padgett owned the property, along with her husband, until April, 1902, at which time it was sold to Dr. J. J. Arendale for \$49.50.

The land changed hands a few times over the years and eventually was sold to the Crystal Beach Company, Incorporated, together with title to other lands. Among the deeds is one dated March 12, 1912, from Roy S. and Jennie C. Hanna, which stipulated that as a part of the consideration: "A certain street in front of Mrs. Green's property, Mr. McIntosh's property and Mr. Rabb's property shall be kept open and maintained to the width of fifty feet and shall be known as "Mayo Avenue".

A part of this property was transferred to Crystal Beach Company by Moss Rose Wall Freas, as sole heir of Charles F. Wall.

Crystal Beach Company was incorporated in January, 1912, and dissolved in October, 1936. The company" sold its holdings of approximately 240 lots throughout the community to Crystal Beach Development Company in September, 1924, for a total of \$80,000.

Lot 4, where the Association Hall was eventually built, was sold to E. J. Keefe in August, 1943, who in turn sold it to John E. and Grace C. Hardy in July, 1945. Crystal Beach Community Association purchased the lot from Mr. and Mrs. Hardy for \$350 on February 18, 1947, and the first meeting held in the hall was on May 1, 1948.

Nothing brought the community together more than when in May, 1974, it was learned that the Army Corps of Engineers had, applied for and received a permit to dredge the Intercoastal Waterway south of "Tarpon Springs. The dredged material, "was to be deposited on the south end of Crystal Beach and would eventually fill Lake Chataqua, and surrounding area, which was environmentally rich with fish, wildlife and natural vegetation, and bordered Florida Avenue. A 25-foot dike was proposed around the lake to contain the dredge material. Operations were to commence in one week. The Community rallied together, holding a "town meeting" and hiring Tom Moore, an environmental attorney, to represent "Save Crystal Beach". An injunction was

filed and a public hearing requested. Support was received throughout the county by ecology-minded residents. In June, 1974, the Environmental Protection Agency temporarily halted the project, requesting a reevaluation of available alternate sites. A modified agreement was reached which involved only the southern tip of Crystal Beach. The Save Crystal Beach Association was disappointed and suit was eventually filed against the Corps. An additional bond in the amount of \$50,000 was required. Through the determined work of community members, led by Ed Naumann and Olga Close, and contributions from members of the Community and people throughout the county, bond was posted with less than three hours to spare. An injunction was granted halting the project and ruling the Corps was unreasonable in proceeding with the project without preparing an environmental impact statement. A notice dated June 29, 1976, stated that the Corps had dropped all plans to dump spoil in Crystal Beach. It was truly a case of "David vs. Goliath".

Attachment 6.b.

Supporting Historical Documents

“Crystal Beach, FL: A Better Place to Live”

# CRYSTAL BEACH, FLORIDA

A BETTER PLACE  
TO LIVE



HOME OF DR. T. D. HANBY AT CRYSTAL BEACH



A CORNER OF THE NURSERY AT CRYSTAL BEACH

### Build Your Home at Crystal Beach

**Y**OU came to Florida to find a better place to live. Look the whole state over. You are building a home perhaps to live in the rest of your days. Be certain to get a place that will suit you in every respect.

Investigate is the Florida slogan now. Too many people have invested first and investigated afterward. I want you to consider Crystal Beach from every angle. Consider the location, elevation, transportation, healthfulness, beauty, and last, but not least, probable future value.

When you are satisfied that Crystal Beach is the ideal location for your future home, when you decide that it will meet your individual requirements and that the price is right—then we would like for you to make a selection of the lot that suits you, and we are ready to sell you what you want.

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### Location of Crystal Beach

**C**RYSTAL BEACH is on the Dixie Highway, from St. Petersburg to the Georgia State line, ten miles from Clearwater, four miles from Tarpon Springs, twenty-four miles from Tampa and thirty-two miles from St. Petersburg, in Pinellas County.

Crystal Beach is on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, from St. Petersburg to the north.

Crystal Beach comprises about three hundred and twenty acres of land on a peninsula, fronting on the Gulf of Mexico, on St. Joseph's Sound and on Sutherland Bay. It is almost an island, with water on the west, south and part of the east boundary.

Ozona is just one mile south of Crystal Beach, and is quite a commercial fishing village. There are always boats for charter with a competent guide, and you can have all the Gulf fishing you want and make yourself good and tired pulling in big fish.

There are plenty of crabs and scallops in the sound in front of Crystal Beach. It is lots of fun catching them, and they make the best eating in the world, fresh from the water.

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### Own Your Boat

**T**HE sound offers splendid sailing in safe shallow water. It will pay you to buy or build a launch or sailboat. There is no pastime more healthful nor more pleasureable than sailing on the salt water.

There are a number of fine boat trips you can take from Crystal Beach. You can go up the Anclote River, a beautiful tropical stream. You can cruise up and down the coast to Tarpon Springs, New Port Richey, Dunedin and Clearwater. All near by and all interesting.

You will enjoy better health and live longer, if you live on the coast and fish, sail and swim.



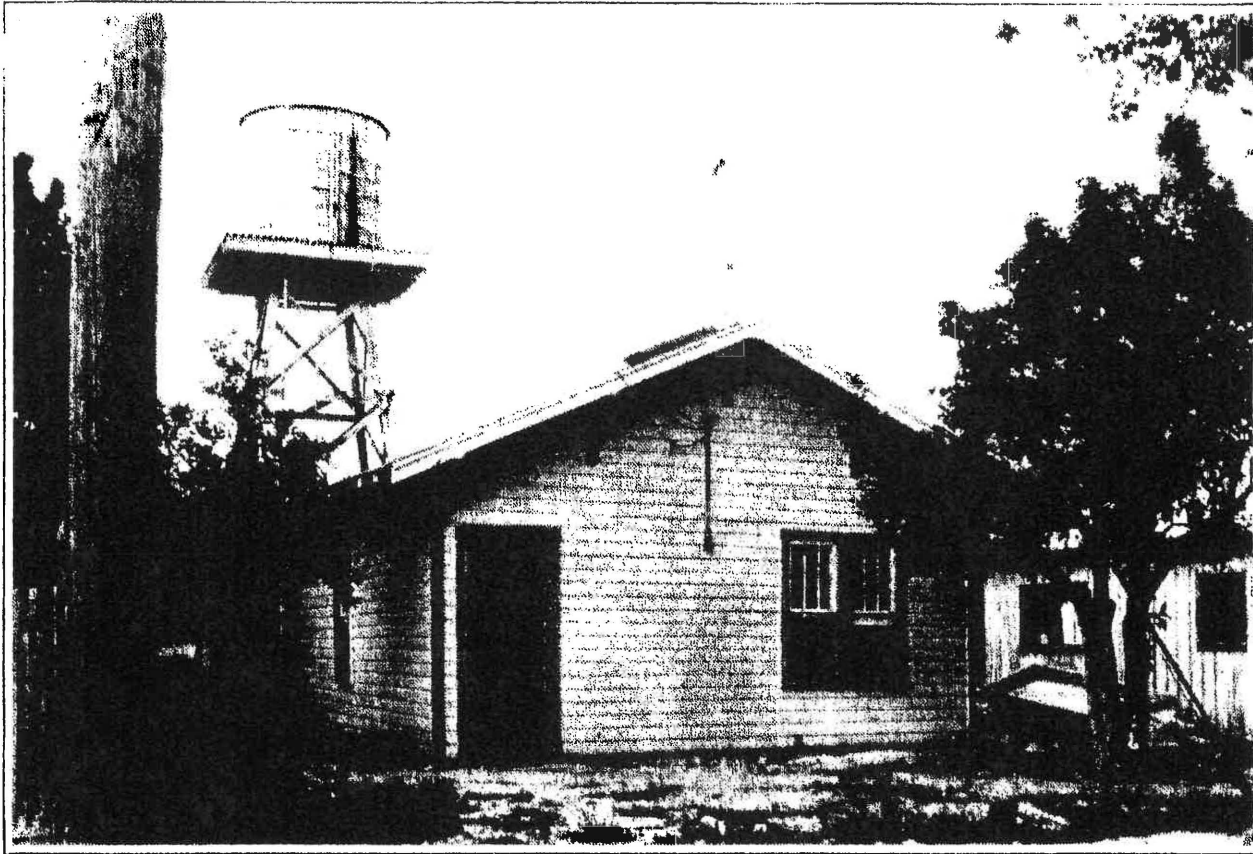
OHIO AVENUE, LOOKING EAST

### Water Front Residential Property

**T**HE highest priced residence property anywhere in Florida is the water front residence property. In any improved residence subdivision the values of water front lots run from ten thousand dollars and up for

a fifty-foot lot. A water front lot gives you the privilege of building a pier or wharf in front of your lot.

Water fronts are practically prohibitive for any people but millionaires in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Dunedin. Even on the islands values are out of reach of



WATER WORKS AT CRYSTAL BEACH

the ordinary individual. The only way to get a water front for a reasonable price is to buy before development.

At Crystal Beach the water fronts all front on a shore drive, then a narrow strip of parkway, then the water. This plan gives everybody the use of

the water, and the view of the water, and the privilege of driving along the water.

There are no water front lots that shut out the back lot resident from the pleasures of salt water, in Crystal Beach. Lots a little way from the

water are practically as desirable as water fronts, and sell for less.

### Buy Crystal Beach Lots for Profit

IT will pay you to invest some of your money in Crystal Beach, even if you do not expect to make your home there. There are no places in Florida as desirable as homes as Crystal Beach.

The price of lots is low now, but it is continually increasing. The town is small now, but the town is growing and prices are increasing. A little money now invested in Crystal Beach property may grow into a fortune.

### Present Prices of Lots

THE lots in Crystal Beach are priced low now, from one thousand sand dollars for full-sized lots a few blocks back from the salt water to six thousand for water front lots.

There are business lots on Crystal Beach avenue, water front lots on Gulf drive and good residence lots all over town.

### Restrictions

EVERY lot is restricted for the best advantage to insure good improvements. No water front lot



can be improved with less than a four thousand dollar building. As we go back from the water the price of lots decreases, also the requirement as to building. You can build on a lower priced lot a few blocks back from the bay. So we take care of all classes of improvement from the moderate cottage to the good residence.

The town is thoroughly zoned so every class of buildings will be grouped with buildings of a like value. No factories nor unsightly buildings will be allowed and no business houses can be erected except on Crystal Beach avenue, the only business street.

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### Development

**W**E positively agree to pave the street in front of every lot sold and to lay a cement sidewalk also. We furthermore agree to plant palms, hibiscus and other ornamental shrubbery in front of every lot.

This work is largely completed, the streets are done and the sidewalks are laid and the plants are growing. This is a continual work and the Crystal Beach Development Company will keep this development work going on and the town cleaned up until the town is incorporated and



OHIO AVENUE, LOOKING WEST

the municipality is doing this important work.

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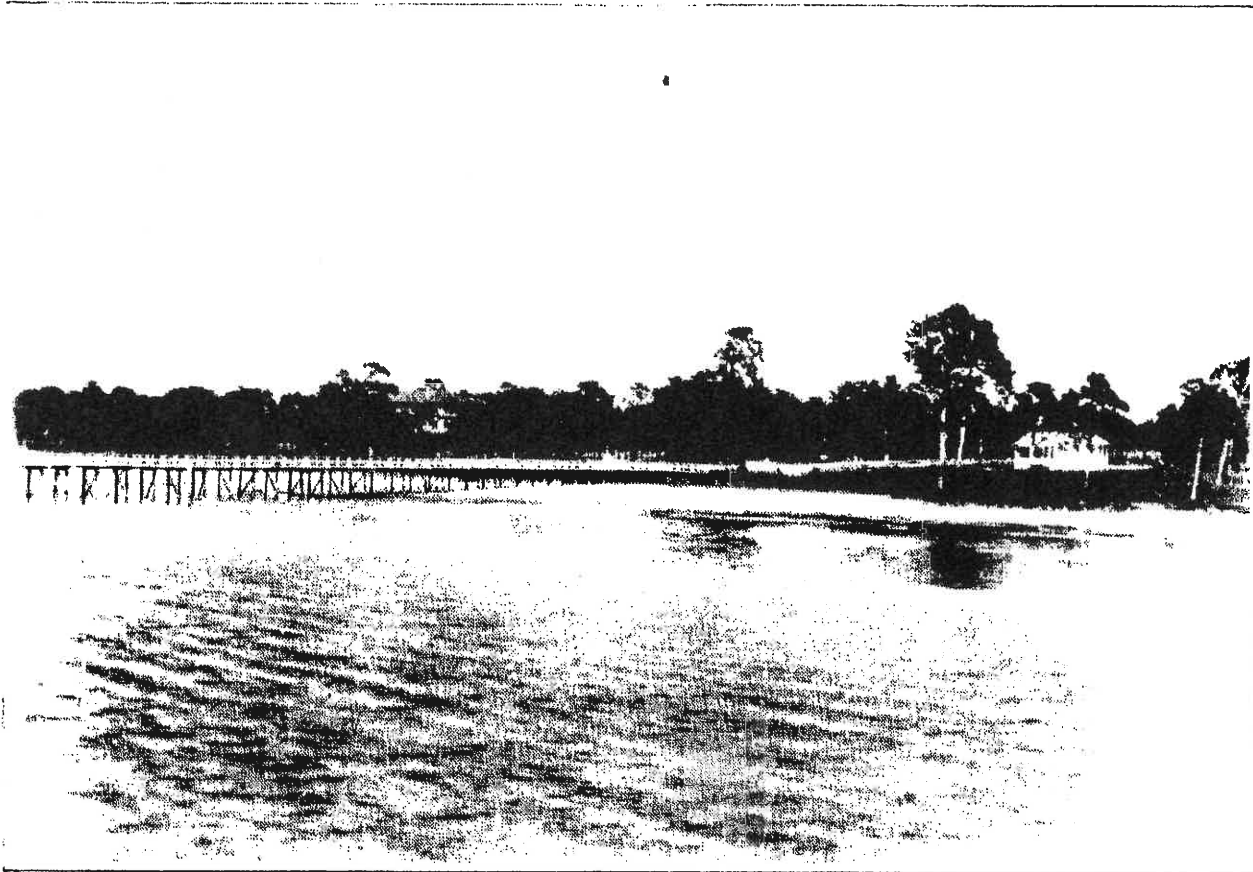
### Waterworks and Electric Lights

**T**HE Pinellas Power Company have their electric wires all over Crystal Beach and whenever a new

home is completed, the lights are connected without extra cost.

The Crystal Beach Development Company has constructed a first-class water plant, with water piped to every home. The water plant is sufficient for a town of ten thousand people, with two complete pumping





VIEW FROM THE SMALL PIER

plants with air pressure as well as gravity pressure tanks. Three large tanks.

The water comes from deep wells and is pure and soft. There is no better drinking water in Florida than the Crystal Beach water.

#### Crystal Beach Wide Streets

**T**HE streets of Crystal Beach are full width. Crystal Beach avenue is a hundred feet wide. Mayo street and Gulf drive are eighty feet wide and all other streets are fifty feet or more in width.

The street paving is sixteen feet wide and the parkways between the sidewalk and paving are ornamented with palms and shrubbery.

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#### Not a Public Beach

**M**ANY people associate the name Beach with a Coney Island or a public beach where thousands of people congregate to enjoy themselves.

Crystal Beach is a water front town on the Gulf of Mexico, but the bathing and other amusement privileges are reserved for the use of the residents of the town. There is no public bath house. The home people enjoy the bathing away from the crowds usually seen on the public beaches.

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#### Crystal Beach Pier

**O**UR amusement pier is built on piles two hundred and eighty feet from shore on the Gulf. It is for the residents of Crystal Beach and their friends. There is a first-class dining room on the pier where sea food dinners are served at moderate prices. There are comfort stations for men and women, running water, electric lights and other conveniences.

There are also facilities for dancing on the pier. We do not cater to promiscuous crowds from all over the country, but the dancing and other facilities are for the home people free of charge.

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### Private Picnic Parties

**M**ANY private picnics and dinners by people from nearby cities and towns are held at Crystal Beach. The right kind of a gathering is always welcome free of charge at Crystal Beach.

Tourist societies, lodges, Sunday Schools are always welcome. We have plenty of shade, benches, tables and water for all who come.

The girls of the Y. W. C. A. of Tampa and St. Petersburg have camped at Crystal Beach for many seasons and they are always welcome. Public dances and whiskey parties will never be permitted.

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### Crystal Beach Gulf Shore Park

**O**UR Gulf Shore Park extends along Gulf drive, between Gulf drive and the water. It is a narrow strip of land entirely along the west of Gulf drive from the north end of the drive to the south end of the property.



DEVELOPMENT WORK AT CRYSTAL BEACH

We will forever hold this strip of land as a park for the use of the lot owners and residents of Crystal Beach. No building will be erected on this park except for park and pleasure uses, and no unsightly building of any kind will be erected on this park.

The park will be beautified the same as Live Oak Park and the park ways between the property line and the paved streets. This park is for all the people all the time. It is the front yard of Crystal Beach, and you are always welcome to come and enjoy the sunsets and cooling breezes.

## If You Are Retired

**I**F you have worked hard for years and accumulated the necessary competence, and want to retire, we especially invite you to consider living in Crystal Beach.

If you have lived in a city and are tired of the noise and confusion and hustle and bustle, and you want a quiet home where the surroundings are ideal, Crystal Beach will appeal to you.

If you like to fish and bathe in the salt water, and walk among the trees and drive on perfect highways, and enjoy sea breezes and beautiful sunsets; if you like to have a launch or a sailboat; if you like to see the children and grandchildren grow strong and healthy, Crystal Beach will suit you for a home.

If you want to read or write or meditate, or just sit and enjoy life and talk to neighbors who are situated like you are, Crystal Beach will suit you.

If you want to be out in the country and have plenty of room to enjoy living in close touch with the big city of Tampa and the wonder tourist city of St. Petersburg, where you can motor to either of them in an hour, Crystal Beach is the place.



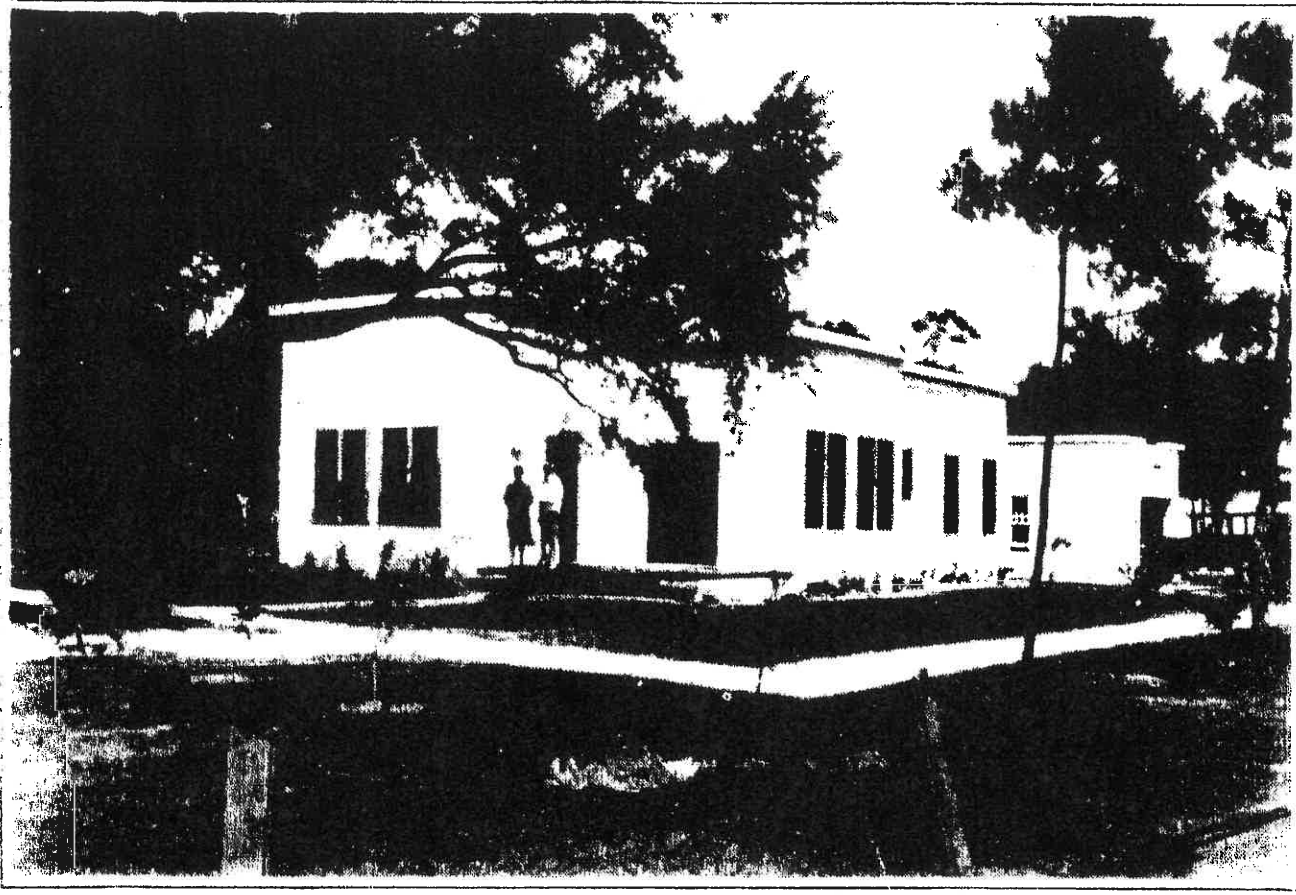
HOUSES BUILT FOR MRS. STOWELL AT CRYSTAL BEACH

Mr. Gandy came to Florida to retire, then built the Gandy Bridge. Many people have come to Florida to retire, both men and women, and have gone into business again and have made fortunes. There is something in the climate that makes people live longer, and make more money.

## If You Are a Business Man

**I**F you have a big day's work every day, and you want to get entirely away from business at night and on Sundays, make your home at Crystal Beach.

You can drive out to Crystal!



HOME OF MR. E. H. PERRY AT CRYSTAL BEACH

Beach from Tampa or St. Petersburg in an hour, and you will be in a new environment, where you can forget the worries of business, in the quiet, cool evenings, on the Gulf of Mexico.

If you want to live longer, say ten years, Crystal Beach will help you. Drive out and look it over,

anyway. You will enjoy the trip, and you may see in Crystal Beach a place where you can invest a little money for a big future profit.

Many subdivisions and towns are laid out to sell. Crystal Beach was laid out for a town to live in.

While you are enjoying the good

living conditions at Crystal Beach, values are increasing and your property is making you money, whether you want to sell it or not. It is good to know that your home is increasing in value, and some day somebody will come along and offer you so much for it that you may be tempted to sell and start you another one.

Located as it is, about two miles north of Dunedin Isles, one mile from Palm Harbor and four miles south of Tarpon Springs, the value is certain to increase. It would be unreasonable for the values in all of these other places to increase and the values at Crystal Beach to stand still.

#### Drive On Our Highways

**P**INELLAS COUNTY has ten million dollars' worth of the best paved highways in the United States. There is a real pleasure in driving over these roads, whether you are going any place or not.

Start out from Tampa, cross the Lafayette street bridge, near the Tampa Bay Hotel and park, the beautiful property on the Hillsboro River given to the city of Tampa by the great empire builder, H. B. Plant.

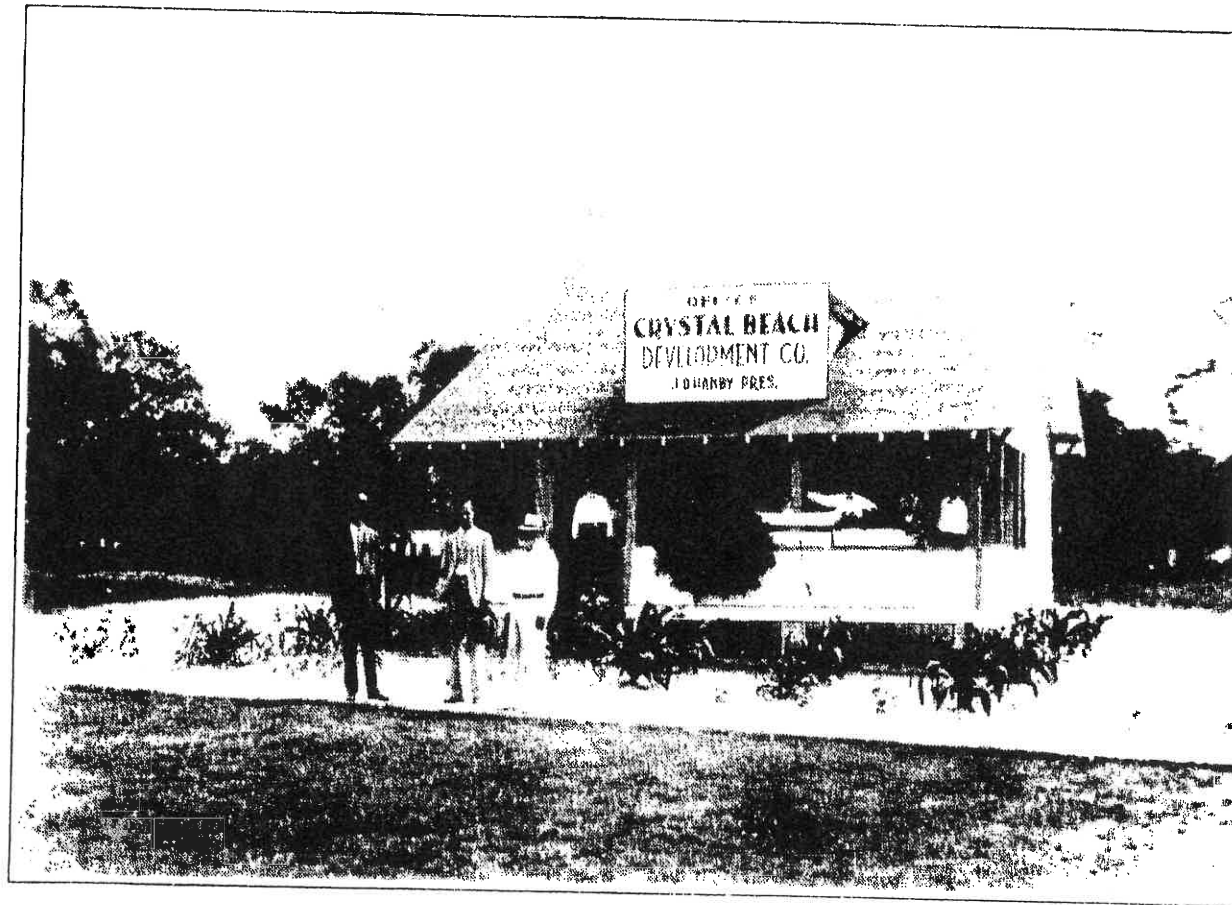
Drive out Grand Central avenue,

pass the Memorial Monument, out Memorial Highway past miles of new development, the Rocky Point Country Club, pass Oldsmar, now Tampa-shores, Palm Harbor, and turn in the arched gateway at Crystal Beach.

Drive down Crystal Beach avenue, a hundred feet wide, cross the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, on up the rolling hill, and you will be pleasantly surprised to see the open Gulf, the real Gulf of Mexico. You will enjoy every mile of this twenty-four-mile drive.

If you are in St. Petersburg, drive out Central avenue, the longest white way in the world, eleven miles of splendid paved, lighted and beautified boulevard, a hundred feet wide; pass elegant homes, Sunset Inn, Jungle Golf Club and Hotel, Pasadena and the Jungle developments.

Cross the Seminole state bridge, through miles of orange groves, pass Largo, Clearwater, in view of the magnificent Belleview Hotel, pass Dunedin, Dunedin Isles on the sound, Ozona, the quaint fishing village, Palm Harbor to Crystal Beach, thirty-two miles on a lovely scenic highway.



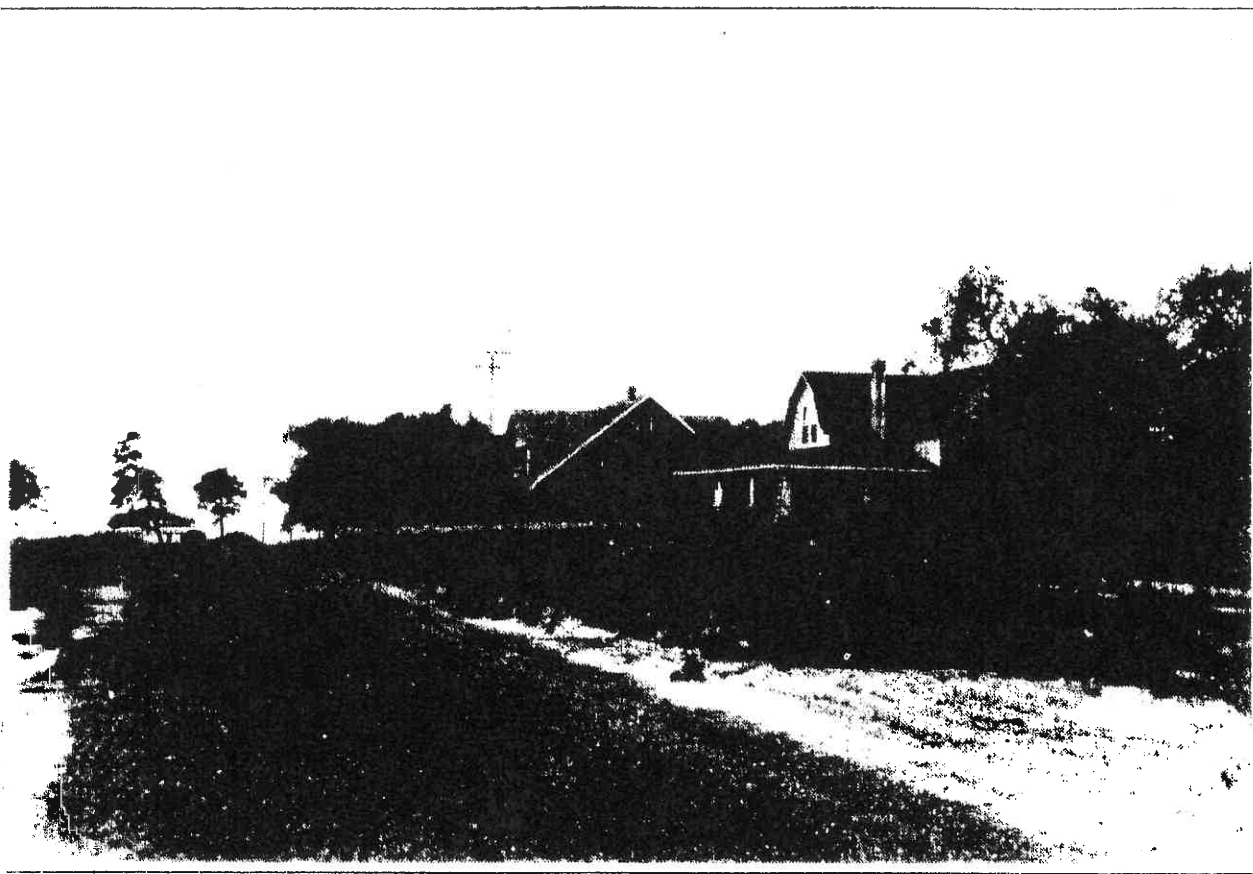
COMPANY OFFICE AT CRYSTAL BEACH

### Enjoy the Gulf Breezes

**I**N winter, the salt water breeze is invigorating and bracing. You will feel the freshness of it before you see the Gulf. The sun shines most every day in the winter, and the warm sunshine and the fresh breeze

combine to make you enjoy the life that you are living.

In summer the cool Gulf breeze is a wonderful relief from the usual heat expected at this time of the year. However, you will be surprised to see how really pleasant the summers are, especially on the Gulf of Mexico.



CRYSTAL BEACH AVENUE LOOKING TOWARD THE GULF

You know it rains most every day from May to October, and the cooling rain and Gulf breeze combine to make the summer climate very pleasant indeed. People from the north never get through talking about the pleasant summers here. They can-

not believe it until they stay throughout one summer.

#### Make a Home Garden

**I**F you like to dig in the ground and make things grow, you will find Crystal Beach to your liking. The

soil is the best to be found in Florida, rich sandy loam and muck land, still the elevation is high and the land naturally drained.

You can raise any kind of fruits, flowers and vegetables, practically the whole year. We want to see you beautify your home in Crystal Beach, and will be glad to supply you with ornamental plants from our nursery free of charge.

Outdoor exercise and fresh air and green vegetables are better than doctor and druggist bills.

#### Study the Thermometer

**W**RITE to Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, Tallahassee, Florida, and ask him to send you a little folder, "Comparative Data of Florida and Other States." He will be glad to send it free of charge.

The average highest July temperature in Tampa, Florida, for all the years the United States Weather Bureau has been compiling statistics, is ninety-six. This is thirteen degrees cooler than Des Moines and Los Angeles.

Tampa's average is ten degrees



cooler than Kansas City and Indianapolis, nine degrees cooler than Cincinnati, eight degrees cooler than Boston and St. Paul, seven degrees cooler than Chicago and Spokane, six degrees cooler than Denver, four degrees cooler than Richmond and three degrees cooler than New York.

You didn't know that, did you? I didn't, either, until I studied the reports of the United States Weather Bureau.

While you are writing, ask Mr. Mayo to send you several illustrated booklets published by the Agricultural Department of Florida for free distribution. You will enjoy reading them, and you will be surprised at the facts brought out in these state publications.

Just now there is an illustrated book being distributed by Mr. Mayo's department free, that is worth considerable effort to obtain. There was only a limited number issued. Ask for the new book, "Florida." It is a splendid book.

### Plenty of Money in Florida

**T**HE Federal Income Tax report for the year 1926 shows that the people of Florida paid twenty-seven dollars and nineteen cents for every man, woman and child in the state.



FIRST BUSINESS HOUSES AT CRYSTAL BEACH

Connecticut paid one dollar and ninety-two cents, South Carolina paid two dollars and forty-four cents, Arkansas paid two dollars and a half, Alabama paid three dollars and thirty-three cents, Nebraska paid four dollars and eleven cents, Georgia paid four dollars and forty-four cents

and nineteen other states paid less than Florida.

The State of Florida has seventeen million dollars in her treasury, and not a dollar of bonded indebtedness. California owes ninety-nine million dollars, North Carolina owes ninety-four million, Minnesota owes eighty



CORNER MAYO AND CRYSTAL BEACH AVENUES

three million, and nine other states owe from ten million to sixty-three million.

Florida has more good roads per capita than any state in the Union. Florida crops sell for more money per acre than the crops grown in any other state.

#### To Make Money, Go Where It Is

**T**HE only way I know of to make money, is to go where there is plenty of it. You cannot make money out of people who have none. Every year a million people come to Florida to spend money and the win-

ter. No matter what your business is, you have a chance to get some of this money, if you can render value received.

The time has passed when you can come to Florida with nothing and make a fortune in a year. You must have some commodity of value to exchange for money. It does not matter whether it is food, clothing, professional services, transportation or whatnot you have to exchange, the money is here and you can prosper, if you render real service for it.

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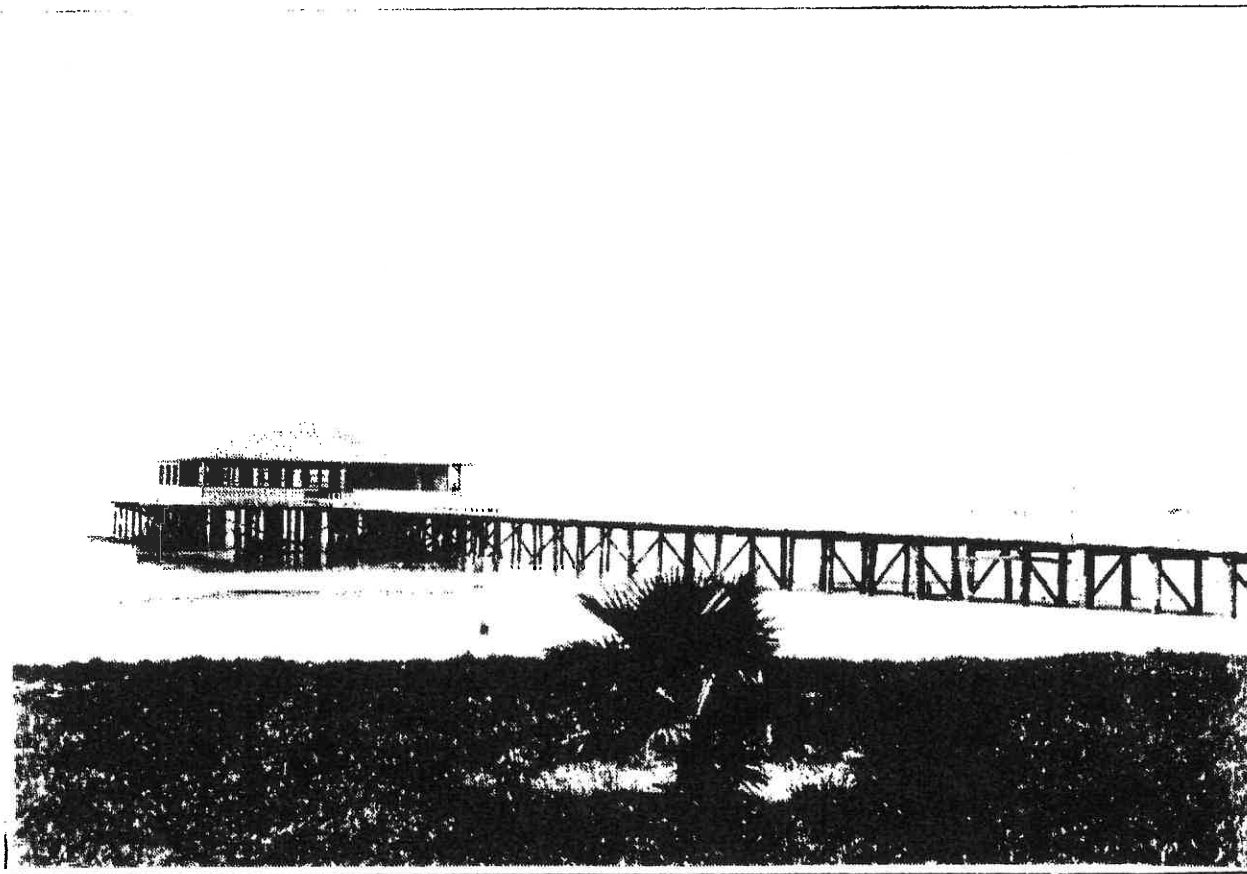
#### Good Fishing at Crystal Beach

**I**F you like fishing, you will find the best kind at Crystal Beach. You can fish for trout from the pier. You may get any of a number of kinds of fish from the pier.

You can fish with a common pole and line, or rod and reel. You can catch trout, flounder, sheephead or redfish, all fine eating fish, from the pier.

You can catch Tarpon at the head of Hog Island. Then there is a channel at the head of Hog Island, where you can do good still fishing. You can catch any number of red-mouth grunts and half a dozen other kinds.





CRYSTAL BEACH RECREATION PIER

### Live Oak Park

**T**HIS park is located on Crystal Beach avenue, on Gulf drive in front of the Blue Heron Hotel. The park is improved with cement walks, flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees.

The park is located in a grove of large live oak trees, some of them measuring a hundred feet across their limbs. There is a fountain constantly playing, with live fish and alligators in the pool. Plenty of shade and comfortable benches.

### The Blue Heron Hotel

**T**HIS is a three-story hotel with comfortable and large lobby and verandas. The meals are all that could be desired and the rooms are comfortable and clean.

The rates at the Blue Heron are moderate and the service is good.

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Written by A. D. Powers

**A**LL these pictures are made from photographs taken on the ground at Crystal Beach and the text is written by A. D. Powers, vice-president of the Crystal Beach Development Company.

I am trying to tell you the best I can what kind of a place Crystal Beach is, but I know I am making a poor job of it. You must see Crystal Beach to appreciate it. It cannot be described.

I am satisfied you will at least want to live in Crystal Beach if you see it, and you will want to own property there.

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### Crystal Beach Offices

**T**HE Crystal Beach Development Company has an office at No. 6 Fourth street south, St. Petersburg.

and another one at No. 305 Franklin street, Tampa.

You can go to either of these offices and our salesmen will be glad to take you to Crystal Beach at any time, without cost to you. We want you to come as our guest and we will not try to sell you Crystal Beach lots if they do not appeal to you when you see them.

You will find Doctor Hanby, the President of the Crystal Beach Development Company, on the ground at Crystal Beach. He will be glad to meet you and to give you any special information you may want about the property or the company.

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### The Title Is Good

**E**ACH purchaser of a lot in Crystal Beach will receive a warranty deed and an abstract of title showing the property to be free from incumbrance of any kind.

The title to the property is in the Crystal Beach Development Company and there is no mortgage or debt of any kind on any of the property. It is entirely free from encumbrance now. It is not necessary to get the lots released as they are sold,



LIVE OAK PARK AT CRYSTAL BEACH

as some real estate developers do: the lots are all released now.

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### The Terms Are Reasonable

**W**E sell Crystal Beach lots on terms of one-third cash, and the balance payable in twenty

monthly payments, with interest on the deferred payments at the rate of eight per cent per annum.

When you pay your cash payment we give you a warranty deed and abstract of title, then you give us a mortgage for the deferred payments.

# CRYSTAL BEACH ON THE GULF

High Rolling  
Elevation

Good Soil

Healthfulness

Splendid Water

Homes for  
Particular  
People

On the Dixie  
Highway

High-Class  
Development



Building Lots  
At Reasonable  
Prices

Sensible  
Restrictions

Liberal Terms

Fishing

Bathing

On the A. C. L.  
Railway

Modern  
Conveniences

VIEW OF THE GULF AT CRYSTAL BEACH

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Attachment 6.c.

Supporting Historical Documents  
Revised Plat Map of Crystal Beach



# REVISED PLAT OF CRYSTAL BEACH PINELLAS COUNTY - FLORIDA

Comments at a public hearing of the Board of Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, held at the County Administration Center, 1001 Central Expressway, St. Petersburg, Florida, on the 27th day of October, 1970, in the presence of the following persons: ...

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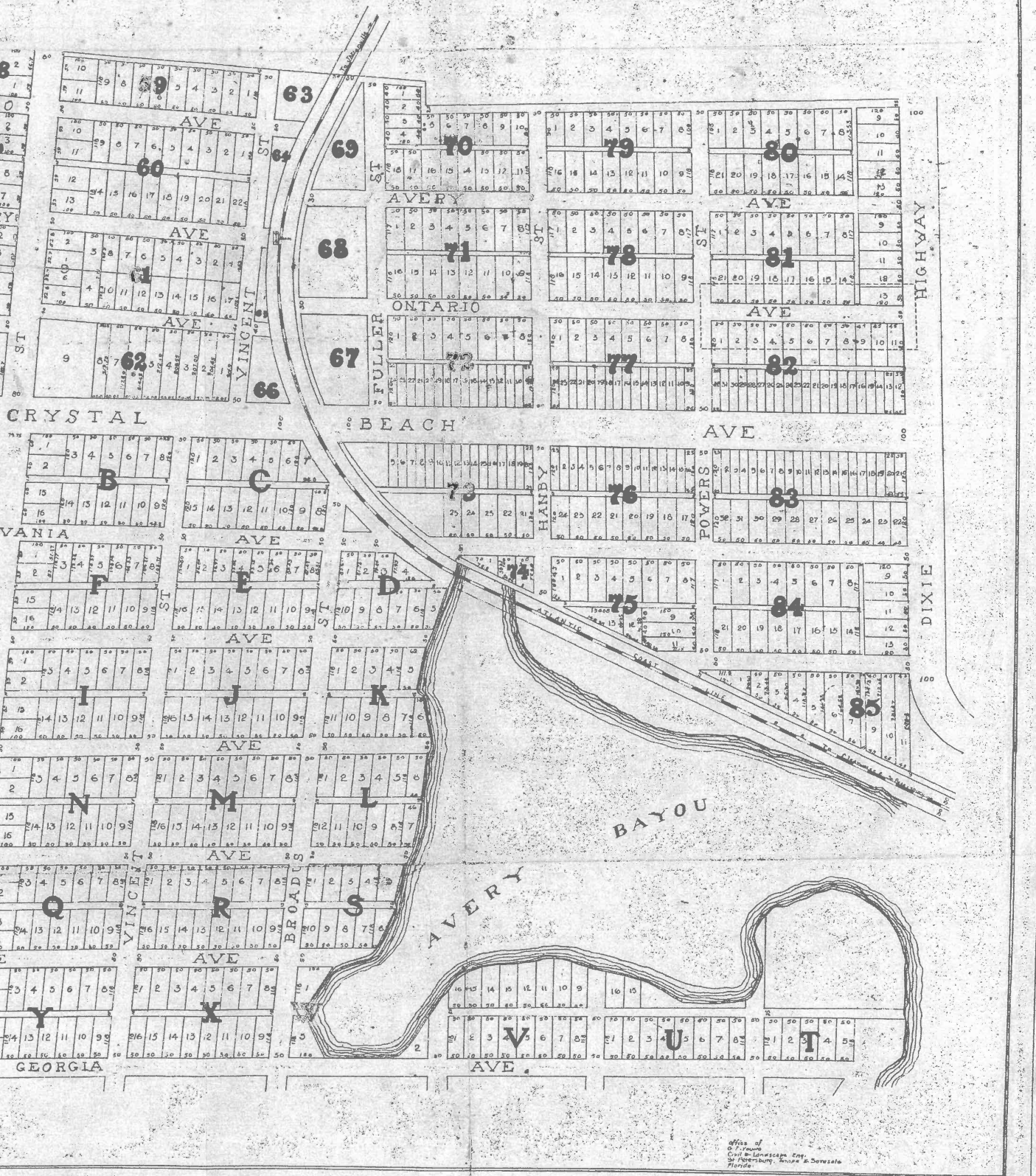
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